

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1140
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Ron Aday for his untiring devotion to the advancement of senior centers in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ron Aday is one such laudable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a Professor of Sociology and Director of Aging Studies at Middle Tennessee State University, Dr. Aday is wholly committed to the advancement and development of senior centers in Tennessee, benefiting the lives of countless senior citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, in his local community of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Dr. Aday has been a member of the St. Clair Street Senior Center Commission since 1991; he served this commission as Chair of the Senior Center Standards Committee from 1993 to 1994 and the Special Needs and Resources Committee from 1997 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aday has provided significant leadership in the establishment of the St. Clair Street Adult Day Service and the Nurse on Duty Program, both highly recognized and successful programs; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Long Range Planning Committee from 1992 to 1998, Dr. Aday played an instrumental role in the development of a new state-of-the-art senior center at St. Clair Street; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Dr. Aday served as Chair of a Tennessee Statewide Task Force on Preparing Senior Centers for the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, he has conducted numerous state, regional, and national workshops emphasizing senior citizens programming and the importance of documenting the effectiveness of senior centers through outcome-based research; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aday has freely assisted senior centers in the development and production of outcome measures and frequently provides data analysis and annual reports for various centers; he completed a National Study of senior center outcomes for the National Institute of Senior Centers, which was posted on the U.S. Administration on Aging website; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aday was the recipient of the NISC Research Award in 1996, and his research produced numerous publications highlighting the value of senior center programming; and

WHEREAS, he continues to work on behalf of senior centers by conducting and presenting research at regional and national conferences; and

WHEREAS, the significance of his contribution to senior centers was undoubtedly illustrated by his recent invitation to provide testimony on the "Evolving Role of Senior Citizens in the 21st Century" before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Dr. Aday epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; his many contributions to the development of senior centers has produced immeasurable benefits, both tangible and intangible; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aday is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Dr. Ron Aday for his unswerving commitment to the advancement of senior centers in Tennessee, thank him for his laudable service to our state and nation, and extend our best wishes for every continued success in his future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

